

Welcome New Members

Welcome to our newest members **Julie Jacot** and **Eric Mulka** and our newest Affiliate member **Alyssa Olivarez, Victoria Cooper** and **Kellie Dixon**.

Condolences

To the family, friends and colleagues of **James "Jim" Dillard** who passed away on December 8th. Visitation is on Thursday, December 11th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Friday, December 12th from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Sharp Funeral Home, 8138 Miller Rd., Swartz Creek, MI 48473. The funeral service will be held Friday, December 12th, at 11 a.m. at Sharp Funeral Home. For more information, go to www.sharpfuneralhomes.com

Case Evaluation Late Fee Donations

Thank you to **Peter Diesel, Craig Zanot** and **Scott Stensaas** for donating their Case Evaluation late fees, which are placed in a restricted building account.

Holiday Dinner Thank You

To our gift wrappers: Vickie Beardsley, Sandra & Ken Brill, Sally Cobb, Suzanne Gregory, Lisa Guilfoil, Jeffrey Himelhoch, Alexis Kier, Katie Lyon, Lori Matthews, Thomas Mitchell, Hon. Geoffrey Neithercut, LeeAnn Phillips, Kim Poisson, and Kristyne Traver.

To our knitters: Vikki Bayeh Haley, Hope McLincha, Alexandria Nylander, Laura Olson, Beth Jarema, Gladys Buchanan, Linda Pohly, Erin and Logan Franzen, Flint HandmadeYarn Brigade, Rebeca Faber, Colleen Richard, Cathy Delgado, Deanna Mazar, Ruth DeMaria, and Ernestine Morrow.

GCBA Senior Attorneys

The GCBA senior attorneys will meet on Thursday, December 11th at 12 noon at Valley Coney Island, at Linden and Miller Rd. Santa will be in attendance and, as always, anyone over 65 (retired or not) is welcome to attend and bring a friend.



Calendar of Events

December 2014

- 11th:** Senior attorney luncheon.
12 noon, Valley Coney Island.
- 11th:** Holiday Party 2014.
- 18th:** Young Lawyers Lunch 'N Learn.
- 18th:** 2014 Community Holiday Dinner.
- 23rd:** Mastering Criminal Defense.

January 2015

- 15th:** Young Lawyers Lunch N' Learn
- 26th:** Membership Meeting
- 28th:** Affiliate Sack Lunch.
- 30th:** Bankruptcy Seminar.

See attached flyers for further details.



Holiday Hours

The District Court, Circuit Court and GCBA Office will be closed as follows:

- December 24, 2014
- December 25, 2014
- December 31, 2014
- January 1, 2015



2014 Holiday Dinner

Santa's Village—\$1,000 donation

Tom R. Pabst P.C.

Santa's Workshop—\$500 donation

Jim & Janey Dillard

Santa's Helper — \$250 donation

Kathleen Buckley O'Neill
Cline, Cline & Griffin, PC
Carol Fossee
Garan Lucow Miller P.C.
George Hamo
Henry Hanflik PC
Roger Isaac
Dennis & Karen Lazar
Robert MacDonald
Hon. Mark McCabe
Barbara Menear & John Nickola
Jeremy Piper
Steven Spender
Anthony Zilinski

Santa's Elf—\$ 150 donation

Howard Bueche
Christenson & Fiederlein, PC
Emergent Bio Systems
Jakeway, Jakeway & Jakeway
Kevin Lavallo
Bernard McAra
Craig McAra
Erwin F. Meiers, III
Jarrett & Kristen Pabst
Hon. Robert & Lynne Ransom
Richmond Riggs
Hon. Michael Theile
James Wascha
Barry Wolf

Holiday Chef—\$100 donation

Terry Bankert
Richard Barron
Sherri Belknap
Erin & Shayla Blankenship
Kurt Brown
George Brueck
Richard Cooley
Hon. Joseph Farah
Paul Goyette
Jeffrey Himelhoch
Hon. Michael Hluchaniuk
Byron Latter
L. David Lawson
Thomas Mitchell
Hon. Allen J. Nelson
Randy Petrides
LeeAnn Phillips
Tim Ruwart & Ann Lossing
Theresa Shurman
John & Emily Siler
Reese Stipes
Lynn Taft
Martin Tycoski
Paul Watson

Santa's Reindeer—\$50 donation

James & Jill Bauer
Julia Black
Sandi & Ken Brill
Dolores Coulter
Denise Fish
Sherri Frame
Carol Fulgencio
Herb Herrick
Matthew Karr
Andrea LeGendre
Katie Lyon
LindaLee Massoud

Santa's Reindeer—\$50 donation cont'd

Tracey Merithew
Jill Nylander
Hon. Geoffrey & Connie Neithercut
Jane O'Dell
Michelle Richardson
Richard & Arlene Ruhala
Robert Shegos
Glenn Simmington
Shelley Spivack
Scott Stensaas
Anthony Tomaszewski
Jack Tubbs
Roberta Wray
Hon. Thomas Yeotis



*It is not too late to donate. 100% of your donation is spent on the Holiday Dinner!
Please make your check payable to:*

*Genesee County Bar Foundation
315 E. Court St.
Flint, MI 48502*



Happy Holiday's

from the GCBA Staff



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK
GENESEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
900 SOUTH SAGINAW STREET
FLINT, MICHIGAN 48502

JOHN J. GLEASON
GENESEE COUNTY CLERK



ADMINISTRATION (810) 257-3224
COURT RECORDS (810) 257-3220
ELECTIONS (810) 257-3283
VITAL RECORDS (810) 257-3225

"Online! Not In Line!"
www.gc4me.com

December 4, 2014

Genesee County Bar Association,

I am pleased to announce that the Legal Division of the Genesee County Clerk's office has implemented an Attorney Only Processing Line located in the PPO office on the 2nd floor of the Circuit Courthouse every Monday 8am – 4pm.

Since November 1, 2014 the office has been 'trying it out' and we believe it is a success! At this time the line is open Mondays only, but I feel that it is very beneficial to the Legal Community. We chose Monday's because we know it is a very busy day for most of you as it is motion day here at Circuit Court.

It is our goal to expedite the filing process of your documents while decreasing your time spent at the Clerk's office waiting in line. We have heard a lot of positive feedback and hope to expand services in the near future.

We appreciate your comments and suggestions.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John J. Gleason". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

John J. Gleason

Genesee County Clerk/Register of Deeds

Genesee County Bar Association Family Court Committee is coordinating a



December 1, 2014 through January 22, 2015

Accepting unopened diapers of all sizes!
Donations will go to the



**Drop-off Location:
7th Judicial Circuit Court**

- Private 4th Floor Attorney Lounge
- December: Office of the Hon. Michael J. Theile
- January: Office of the Hon. John A. Gadola

Donations also accepted at the
Genesee County Bar Association • 315 E. Court St • Flint, MI 48502



For more information call Barbara A. Dawes at (810) 733-2050
In collaboration with the Community Action Committee



Seasons Greetings



The Genesee County Bar Association
&
Friends of the Legal Community

Holiday Party 2014 Thursday, December 11th

at

Brick Street Bar & Grill

1223 E. Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Directions: east of Fenton Road and just west of Dort Hwy.

Coming from US-23 take Exit #88. Coming from I-75 take Exit #109.

The Party of Parties

Cash Bar

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Piano Bar & Sing-A-Long



Who is Invited

Genesee County 67th & 68th District Courts, Circuit Court, Family Court, Probate Court and staff, All Federal Courts and staff. Federal Bankruptcy Court and staff. All Judges and staff. Genesee County Sheriff, Friend of the Court, Prosecutor, Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Drain Commission & Clerks Offices and staff. All Attorneys, paralegals and support staff. Court Reporters, Process servers, Title Companies and all others who are associated with the legal community.

For Reservations contact 810-232-6012 or on-line at www.gcbalaw.org

Young Lawyers Lunch N' Learn

Open to attorneys with five or fewer years of practice, or those under the age of 35.



12 noon

at

Genesee County Bar Association

315 E. Court St. • Flint, MI 48502

Date	Topic	Speaker
December 18, 2014	The Art of a Good Opening Statement	Timothy H. Knecht, Attorney Cline, Cline & Griffin, P.C.
January 15, 2015	How to Impeach a Witness and the Court Rules Governing Impeachment	Hon. Joseph J. Farah, 7th Judicial Circuit Court
February 19, 2015	What Every General Attorney Should Know About the Construction Lien Act	B.D. "Chris" Christenson, Christenson & Fiederlein, P.C.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION: *Please print legibly*

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Payment Information: Checks payable to the GCBA

☐ Check # _____ ☐ Amount \$ _____

Credit card information:

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard Charge my credit card for \$ _____

Credit Card Account #: _____ Exp. date: _____

Last 3#'s on back of card: _____

Name as appears on card: _____

Billing address for card: _____

Reservations are absolutely required!

Registration Fees:

- ☐ GCBA Member - \$5
- ☐ Non-member - \$10
- ☐ Unpaid no-shows - \$10

Event Registration:

- ☐ December 18th
- ☐ January 15th
- ☐ February 19th

Thanks to the GCBF MacGregor Fund for underwriting some of the costs related to the luncheon.



Mail: 315 E. Court St. • Flint, MI 48502. Fax: to (810) 232-8310. On-line: register at www.gcbalaw.org. Telephone reservations are not accepted.

Mastering Criminal Defense:

The Art of an Effective Preliminary Examination

The Criminal Law Committee is introducing a new group called Mastering Criminal Defense. This group will be held once a month and will provide information covering all aspects of criminal defense. This group is open to all attorneys who practice criminal defense.

Tuesday, December 23, 2014
12 noon - 1: 30 p.m.
at
Genesee County Bar Association
315 E. Court St. • Flint, MI 48502

Limited seating! Register now!

This is a brown-bag luncheon and limited to the first 20 registrants

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Phone #: _____

Email: _____



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GCBA & GCBF



2014 COMMUNITY HOLIDAY DINNER

Thursday, December 18, 2014 from 4:00 ~ 7:00 p.m.
Masonic Temple, Downtown Flint

DONOR FORM:

Donations are needed to support this program, which are used exclusively to purchase items for the dinner.
Categories of giving:

Santa's Helper	\$250	pays for 50 toys for 50 children
Santa's Elf	\$150	pays for 150 children's pictures with Santa
Santa's Chef	\$100	pays for a meal for 25 guests
Santa's Reindeer	\$1-\$99	every \$5 pays for a child's toy

Enclosed is a check for \$_____made payable and sent to:

Genesee County Bar Foundation, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. Your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. As required by relevant Federal Statute we hereby confirm that we did not provide any goods or services in exchange for your gift.

GIFT WRAPPING PARTY:

We will have a gift wrapping party on Monday, December 1, 2014, at the GCBA/GCBF office. Pizza will be served. Please join us! 4 p.m. - until completed _____

VOLUNTEER FORM:

Thursday, December 18, 2014

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before your shift
Children 12 & older welcome with a parent

1:30-3:30 p.m.	Decorations/Set up	_____	
3:30-5:30 p.m.	First Shift	_____	Assignments will be made upon arrival
5:30-7:30 p.m.	Second Shift	_____	Assignments will be made upon arrival
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Clean Up	_____	
Time: TBD	Sing/Entertainment	_____	

Are there any special considerations that should be noted in assigning volunteer duties?:

If you want to volunteer a few hours of your time to this worthwhile cause, please fill out the form and return by fax to the GCBF/GCBA at (810) 232-8310.
(form may be photocopied/one volunteer per form)

NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL: _____

Monthly Membership Meetings

Presented by
Genesee County Bar Association

January 26, 2015
**ABC 12's Angie Hendershot &
Jessica Dupnack**
on
***Tips for Attorneys when
Dealing with the Media***

12 noon
Masonic Temple • 755 S. Saginaw St. • Flint, MI 48502

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Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Payment Information: Checks payable to the GCBA

☐ Check # _____ ☐ Amount \$ _____

Credit card information:

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard Charge my credit card for \$ _____

Credit Card Account #: _____ Exp. date: _____

Last 3#'s on back of card: _____

Name as appears on card: _____

Billing address for card: _____

Registration Fees:

- ☐ Sustaining Member - Free
- ☐ GCBA Member - \$10
- ☐ Non-member - \$15
- ☐ Walk-ins - \$15
- ☐ Unpaid no-shows - \$15

Event Registration:

- ☐ January 26th

Cancellation Policy:

No refunds for cancellations
the day of the luncheon.



Mail: 315 E. Court St. • Flint, MI 48502. Fax: to (810) 232-8310. On-line: register at www.gcbalaw.org.
Telephone reservations are not accepted.

GCBA Affiliates Sack Luncheon



featuring

Brian Kolodziej,

Genesee County
Assistant Prosecutor

on

**Technology to Assist
in Trial Preparation**

Come curb your craving for education and join us

on

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

12 noon

at the

Genesee County Bar Association

315 E. Court St. • Flint, MI 48502

REGISTRATION: *Please print legibly*

MAIL registration form to the Genesee County Bar Association, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. FAX registration form to the GCBA at (810) 232-8310. ON-LINE register on-line at www.gcbalaw.org. Telephone reservations are not accepted.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Remember to bring your sack lunch

First Annual Bankruptcy Seminar

January 30, 2015

presented by GCBA Bankruptcy Committee

LOCATION

Holiday Inn—Gateway Centre
5353 Gateway Centre
Flint, MI 48507

REGISTRATION FEES

- ☐ \$25.00 Chapter 7 Session Only for GCBA Members
- ☐ \$50.00 Chapter 7 Session Only for Non-Member
- ☐ \$25.00 Chapter 13 Session Only for GCBA member
- ☐ \$50.00 Chapter 13 Session Only for Non-Member
- ☐ \$40.00 both sessions for GCBA Members
- ☐ \$80.00 both sessions for Non-Members

\$_____ Total amount enclosed:
Fees include: Continental Breakfast for Morning Session, Snack for Afternoon Session and Written Materials; Lunch is not included.

GCBA Members: The reduced rate for this seminar is courtesy of the Genesee County Bar Foundation Louis D. McGregor CLE Fund. For membership information call (810) 232-6012.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

MAIL registration form with check to the Genesee County Bar Association, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. **FAX** registration with credit card information to the GCBA at (810) 232-8310. **ONLINE** registration at www.gcbalaw.org.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- ☐ Note the attached check # _____ (payable to the GCBA)
- Credit Card: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard

Credit Card # _____

Expiration date _____ 3 digit # on back of card _____

Billing address _____

Name (as appears on credit card) _____

Cancellations made within three days of the seminar will be assessed a \$10.00 handling fee. No refunds for cancellations the day of seminar or thereafter.

FACULTY AND TOPICS - Chapter 7

- 8:30 a.m.—9:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast
Meet the Exhibitors
- 9:00 a.m.—9:10 a.m. Opening Remarks
- 9:10 a.m.—9:40 a.m. Case Law, Bankruptcy Forms and Rules Update
Speaker: Sherri L. Belknap
- 9:40 a.m.—10:10 a.m. Bankruptcy Alternatives:
Fair Debt Collection
Speaker: Rex C. Anderson
- 10:10 a.m.—10:25 a.m. Break
- 10:25 a.m.—10:55 a.m. Automatic Stay & Discharge Violations
Speaker: Rex C. Anderson
- 10:55 a.m.—11:45 a.m. Views from the Chapter 7 Trustees
Speakers: Collene K. Corcoran & Samuel D. Sweet
- 11:45 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Questions & Answers

FACULTY AND TOPICS - Chapter 13

- 12:30 p.m.—1:00 p.m. Registration & Meet the Exhibitors
- 1:00 p.m.—1:10 p.m. Opening Remarks
- 1:10 p.m.—1:40 p.m. Case Law, Bankruptcy Forms and Rules Update
Speaker: Sherri L. Belknap
- 1:40 p.m.—2:10 p.m. Getting Paid: Fee Applications & Retainer Agreements
Speaker: Laura D. Breckenridge
- 2:10 p.m.—2:40 p.m. Reading a Tax Transcript
Speaker: Mark Plude
- 2:40 p.m.—2:55 p.m. Break
- 2:55 p.m.—3:25 p.m. Views from the Chapter 13 Trustee
Speaker: Carl L. Bekofske
- 3:25 p.m.—4:10 p.m. Views from the Judge
Speaker: Honorable Daniel S. Opperman
- 4:10 p.m.—4:20 p.m. Questions & Answers